



DATE: Monday, June 4, 2018

RE: Updated Credit-by-Challenge Criteria Guidelines

The Credit-by-Challenge Subcommittee (Subcommittee), in conjunction with the Experiential Educational Committee (EEC), recently updated the criteria for an abbreviated or a full portfolio credit-by-challenge submission to assure the NTPD student's professional pharmacy experience either meets or exceeds the expectation associated with completing an advanced pharmacy practice experience (APPE) rotation. A summary of the revised criteria and the implementation timeframes are provided below. The Distance Degrees and Programs (DDP) Credit-by-Challenge manual, as posted on the [Experiential Training – Credit-by-Challenges – North American-Trained PharmD Program website page](#), has been updated to further define the updated abbreviated and full portfolio credit-by-challenge criteria eligibility and supportive documentation.

2018 Summer Semester Updates

Beginning the 2018 summer semester, NTPD students who meet the criteria listed below are eligible to submit an abbreviated portfolio credit-by-challenge:

- **Abbreviated Portfolio Credit-by-Challenge***
 - **Board Certification Exams***
 - American Board of Applied Toxicology Certification (ABAT)
 - Clinical Lipid Specialist – Accreditation Council for Clinical Lipidology (ACCL)
 - Board of Pharmacy Specialties:
 - Certified Critical Care Pharmacist (BCCCP)
 - Certified Pediatrics Pharmacy Specialist (BCPPS)
 - Certified Geriatrics Pharmacist (BCGP)
 - **Additional Degrees**
 - Masters of doctoral degree in pharmacy sciences, medical sciences or patient care degree, such as PhD, PharmD, MD, NP, etc.

*For full list of abbreviated credit-by-challenge options, review the DDP Credit-by-Challenge manual.

- **Full Portfolio Credit-by-Challenge**
 - **Updated Ability Based Outcomes (ABOs) and Components** – The Subcommittee and EEC updated the wording used for the ABOs and components to provide more clarity regarding the type of professional experience a student must meet to submit a full portfolio credit-by-challenge.

- **Elective Credit-by-Challenge Submission** – The number of ABOs associated with the elective credit-by-challenge submission has been reduced. Students will address the components associated with the defined ABOs instead of address a majority of the components for each ABO.

2018 Fall Semester Update

- **Abbreviated Portfolio Credit-by-Challenge**
 - **Preceptor Experience** – Beginning the 2018 fall semester, NTPD students will use their precepting experience toward a full portfolio credit-by-challenge submission instead of an abbreviated credit-by-challenge submission. Any NTPD student who is planning to use precepting experience for an abbreviated credit-by-challenge submission must have submitted and registered the abbreviated portfolio credit-by-challenge by the Monday, July 2, 2018 summer semester deadline. NTPD Students are not eligible to submit an abbreviated portfolio credit-by-challenge using their precepting experience after the 2018 summer credit-by-challenge registration deadline.

The changes to the credit-by-challenge criteria and supportive documentation as listed within this document and the DDP Credit-by-Challenge Manual are effective per the dates listed defined above. NTPD students are encouraged to contact their advisor to further discuss how to incorporate these changes to support their upcoming credit-by-challenge submissions.